

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of:

Matthew John Baker

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **May 8, 2006**, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional fees are due for net addition of claims, or if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3994.